

BINGHAM IN CITY TO SEE PRESIDENT

Visit of New York Police
Head Causes Wonder.

TAFT CONSIDERS JUDGSHIP

Promotion for "Jimmy" Sloan, Bodyguard for Roosevelt—Most Callers at White House Are Those Having Business There—Widow of Former Senator May Be Postmistress.

Washington was filled with speculators yesterday, wondering what the visit of Police Commissioner Bingham, of New York, to the Capital means.

Commissioner Bingham has been in the Capital since Monday, but so far he has not called at the White House. It is known, however, that he will have a conference with President Taft before he returns to New York.

The commissioner has been having some lively sittings with the powers that be in New York recently, and when it was announced that he would make a trip to Washington, with the announced intention of "congratulating the President," New York politicians began to whisper there was an appointment coming to Mr. Bingham.

His friends, as has the commissioner, have scoffed at all intimations that he would quit the New York police department and take a Federal appointment, but some regard his visit to Washington so soon after the inauguration as significant.

Since the New York police commissioner recently had all his troubles with other city authorities because he abolished the Brooklyn agency, rumors have literally piled upon each other that he was going to resign. Now that he will have a conference with President Taft, the rumors are again the cause of much speculation.

Promotion for Sloan.

It became known definitely yesterday that "Jimmy" Sloan, the closest companion of President Roosevelt during his administration, and his bodyguard for the last five years, has been rewarded for his work. In December Mr. Sloan will become United States deputy marshal of the Southern district of Illinois. Sloan's home is in Danville, the home of Speaker Cannon, and the latter favors the appointment. Sloan will continue in the Secret Service, and look after the President until his appointment. In the meantime, however, who will succeed Sloan, will learn the business of being the President's special bodyguard. He is now engaged in that task at the White House.

The crowds at the White House were diminutive yesterday, compared to those of former days of the new administration. Most of the callers had business to transact, and although this was mostly of a private nature, and not made public, the Chief Executive was engaged with callers most of the day.

The members of the United States Supreme Court called on the President at 11 o'clock, and were received in the private parlors. It was a formal call, and no matters of business were discussed. That John M. Worthington will be the new judge of the Sixth Ohio circuit, to succeed the late Judge J. K. Richards, is regarded as almost certain by those who are in a position to know. Representative Kennedy and Joyce, the latter the successor of Representative Dawes, called on the President during the day, but they did not discuss the judgeship. It is believed, however, that an announcement of this appointment will be forthcoming within a day or two. Mr. Worthington is a well-known Cincinnati lawyer, and is a close friend of the President, and his friends say he will have easy sailing in getting the appointment.

Judgeships Are Sought.

The appointment of a judge to fill the place recently created in Oregon is going to be the cause of considerable squabbling. Former Senator Fulton is a candidate for the place, and was in conference with the President ten or fifteen minutes yesterday. Following him came Senators Bourne and Chamberlain. Both of these men are against the appointment of the former Senator, but whether or not they will be able to turn the tide that is favoring Mr. Fulton is a question.

Former Judge Warren Truitt, of Idaho, is being boosted for the judgeship created in Alaska. Senator McBurney, of Idaho, called on the President yesterday in his behalf, but, as with other judgeships, there was nothing decided.

The North Carolina and Alabama judgeships were again the subject of much discussion. The opponents of Oscar R. Hundley, of Huntsville, Ala., who has been appointed several times by President Roosevelt, but never confirmed by the Senate, are bringing stronger pressure than ever to bear upon the President. A delegation of Birmingham lawyers will be in Washington March 15 to fight his reappointment. The President has agreed to postpone action on this place until after this time.

It is not thought President Taft will appoint Herbert F. Seawell judge of the Eastern district of North Carolina. Mr. Seawell was appointed by President Roosevelt, but the North Carolina Republicans raised such a storm of protest that Senators Forsaker, Lodge, and the Tar-heel members say that no action was taken on the nomination.

For the first time in many months the harmony, but knowing ones are looking for another eruption. The feud between Senators Gamble and Kittredge was somewhat relieved by the defeat of the latter by ex-Gov. Crawford. The two members now are as thick as could be wished. Whether the Kittredge forces in South Dakota will stir up things again is the question that is being asked.

Cabinet Gets Plans.

The President yesterday delegated heretofore unenjoyed powers to the members of his Cabinet, and told each of the members of his official family what he was expected to do about dealing out Federal appointments. The President thus started the ball rolling in carrying out his previously announced plan of giving more say-so to the members of his Cabinet about who is to fill the Federal offices.

He talked to Secretary Hitchcock about the postmasters of the country, especially in the South, and more especially about appointing Mrs. Edward W. Carmack, widow of former Senator Carmack, postmistress at Columbia. The President has been very much interested in filling this place by remembering the dead Senator since the visit of Col. Archibald Butt to the White House last week. It is believed that Mrs. Carmack will be appointed.

Secretary Knox also talked to the President about the diplomatic posts, but

nothing definite was decided. Secretary Knox is going to be instrumental in getting appointments that heretofore have been handled solely by the President. The President will order an automobile ride with Capt. Archibald Butt late in the afternoon.

Callers at the White House:

Senators Scott of West Virginia, Carter of Montana, Nix of Nevada, Gamble of South Dakota, Crawford of South Dakota, Heburn of Idaho, Bradley of Kentucky, Bourne of Oregon, and Chamberlain of Oregon. I congratulated me cordially upon your brilliant and successful inauguration as President of the United States, most of which have already been received by me.

CONGRATULATED BY EMPEROR.

President Taft yesterday received this cablegram from the Emperor of Japan:

The President, Washington: Remembering with great satisfaction my pleasant and agreeable intercourse with you on the occasion of your visit to Japan, I congratulate you cordially upon your brilliant and successful inauguration as President of the United States, most of which have already been received by me.

Mr. Taft's reply follows:

The White House, Washington, March 9, 1909. I have received with the utmost pleasure your Imperial Majesty's gracious message of congratulations upon my accession to the Presidency. The opportunity which I enjoyed of personal conference with you in Tokyo has always valued most highly, and I am grateful for the boundless hospitality extended to me in Tokyo and through the empire by your Majesty and the people of Japan. It will be my earnest endeavor to maintain in every way the pleasant and agreeable intercourse between Japan and the United States.

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

TARIFF REVISION TAFT'S CHIEF AIM

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session, and all members will be pledged to support the fight against Speaker Cannon. If they do, all very well and good, say the knowing ones, while if they do not, they will be put down on the list of "non-Democrats." It is not thought many members will fail to fall into line when they stop to think that this will mean among their constituents. Anyway, that is the plan now, and the majority of the Democrats and the insurgents believe these tactics will be effective.

The Committee on Ways and Means has taken up the tariff bill in the tariff bill, and in most respects the bill is ready to be reported. Several schedules will be held open, however, for further consideration, and it is certain that another vote will be taken on the question of what shall be the duty on iron ore and on pig iron. It is now probable that a small duty will be placed on iron ore, although there is a sentiment in favor of admitting it free.

The present duty on pig iron in the Dingley act has proved to be perfectly prohibitive, and there will not be any material change in that schedule. The committee has decided to reduce the duty on lead ore to 5 per cent. It has also voted to increase the duty on perfluorine, on the theory that they are luxuries and should bear the burden of taxation.

Woolen Schedules Open.

The woolen schedules are still open for consideration. A delegation of woolen manufacturers from New England will be in Washington this week, and while they will not be given a formal hearing, their presence here will exert some influence on the final arrangement of the duties on manufactured woolens.

The present temper of the committee is simply to readjust the duty on woolen goods to correct certain alleged inequalities in the rates as they are in the Dingley law. For example, a duty will be placed on washed wools that will be proportionate to the duty on unwashed wools. There has been a strong demand for a general reduction in the duties on manufactured woolen goods, but the judgment of the committee at the present time is to maintain the present rate on all manufactured products of domestic wool.

There is a strong demand also from carpet and rug manufacturers in and around Philadelphia for the removal of the duty on the inferior foreign wools used almost exclusively in this country for making cheap carpets and rugs. The committee has voted to increase the duty on these wools on the free list, if it had not been for information which came to the committee that if the product came in free it might find its way into the manufacture of cheap clothing. To provide against such a contingency, this grade of wool will probably pay a small duty under the new law.

The Senators from the grazing States in the West have served notice on Senator Aldrich that the duty must be restored on hides when the bill comes over from the House. The Ways and Means Committee has voted in favor of free hides, and there is now very little prospect that the House will overturn this conclusion and restore the duty.

Will Work Informally.

It was learned yesterday that Senator Aldrich, chairman of the Finance Committee, was planning to have that committee get to work on the tariff bill informally, as soon as the measure gets before the House for consideration, and to follow the progress of the consideration of the bill day by day, so that when the House has passed the measure the Senate committee will be prepared to report it without delay.

It will not follow from this that the bill reported by the Senate committee will bear any striking resemblance to the measure that passes the House. But by adopting the method outlined, the Senator believes that he can save the time that would be otherwise consumed in long consideration of the measure in his committee, if no action were taken until after it came over from the House.

The leaders in Congress are very much concerned over the outlook for a prolonged session. There is no limit to debate in the Senate, and with the mutterings that are being heard among the cattle raisers and sheep raisers from the intermountain States, over the prospect of free hides, a prolonged debate in the Senate is assured.

The Western Senators are declaring, with much show of confidence, that the bill will never pass the Senate if hides are put on the free list.

VLADIVOSTOK IS CLOSED.

Believed Russia Desires to Increase Siberian Railway Traffic.

The port of Vladivostok has been closed by the Russian government, according to a dispatch received at the State Department yesterday from the American Ambassador at St. Petersburg. The Russian government will curtail American commerce in that part of the world to a certain extent, the closing of the port is not a discrimination against Americans, as it will apply to all foreigners.

No explanation of the action has reached the department. It is believed the Russian government has taken this action in order to increase traffic over the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

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NEW CABINET MUM AS TO ITS WORK

First Meeting Held, but No
Facts Given Out.

LITTLE WAS REALLY DONE

Attitude of Officers Is That Chief Executive Is the One Who Should Pass Out News—New Secretary of the Treasury Held Up by Doorkeeper—Praises City Real Estate.

The same old rule of "keep quiet about what happens inside" is going to be in force with the Taft Cabinet, just as it was with President Roosevelt's official family.

That the Chief Executive is the man who should give out the news seems to be the attitude of every one of the Cabinet officers, and they made no secret of this programme when the first meeting of the Cabinet came to an end yesterday. "The same old rule is in force," said each of the members of the President's official family as he left the executive offices, and most of them added, with a smile: "I am sorry, but he is going to do all the talking."

Really, there was but little doing at the Cabinet meeting yesterday. The President simply talked over matters in a general way, and gave a few instructions to the men who are just learning to carry a portfolio. At the meeting on Friday it is probable that the Cabinet will get down to business, and from then on there will be "things doing" after each meeting day.

Will Practice Law.

Secretary Wright still occupies the berth of the Secretary of War, and will remain in that capacity until Secretary Jacob M. Dickinson arrives, March 15. Secretary Wright is planning to leave Washington, and as soon as he can straighten up his affairs he will go back to his Tennessee home and practice law. Mr. Wright yesterday denied the rumors that he would leave a home and remain in Washington indefinitely.

"I am a lawyer, you know," said Gen. Wright, "and as soon as I can get away I will return to my profession." Franklin MacVeagh, the new Secretary of the Treasury, was held up at the door of the Cabinet room until he could be identified as one privileged to pass through the "sacred portals." The guard didn't recognize the new member of the Taft Cabinet, and when he approached asked, "Who are you?" Mr. MacVeagh modestly replied that he was the Secretary of the Treasury, and as another blue-clad official nodded his approval to the inquirer, Mr. MacVeagh was allowed to pass inside.

Says City Thrives.

Mr. MacVeagh stopped in the lobby as he was leaving the President's room, and chatted several minutes with a crowd of newspaper men. He took occasion to pay his respects to the energy of the Washington real estate dealers and brokers, and added that he believed half of the homes in the Capital were either for sale or for rent.

"I never saw such a thriving place," said Mr. MacVeagh. "I thought Chicago was the limit when it came to buying or renting houses, but Washington is the leader of them all."

Mr. MacVeagh added that he would not purchase or rent a home in Washington until the fall season, as he and his family would spend the summer at their country place near Dublin, N. H. Mr. MacVeagh is living at the Arlington Hotel, and will be joined by Mrs. MacVeagh in a week or two.

Attorney General Wickersham was the last member of the Cabinet to leave the White House. He remained after the others had left, to have a little talk with the President, but he denied there was anything significant in the conference.

WILL TALK ON MUSIC.

Edward Howard Griggs.

GRIGGS LECTURE TO-NIGHT.

"Function and Meaning of Music" Is His Theme.

To-night at 8 p. m. in All Souls' Church, at Fourteenth and L streets, Dr. Edward Howard Griggs will lecture on "The meaning and function of music." This is the fourth of a series of lectures given by Dr. Griggs, for the benefit of the Washington Playground Association. For the last three years the services of Dr. Griggs have been secured to help to procure funds for the children's playgrounds.

Each year the committee have found it necessary to arrange for a larger lecture room. For the present course the pastor and trustees of President Taft's church have generously placed an auditorium, ideal for lecture purposes, at their disposal.

The subject for to-night will interest not only those who have attended all of his previous lectures, but the large number of musical people of Washington. An invitation has been extended to Mrs. Taft, who has always shown such great interest in music.

T. Arthur Smith has charge of the sale of tickets.

CHIEF WAGNER FILES REPORT.

Statistics Show District's Fire Loss in February.

Statistics compiled by Fire Chief Wagner show that losses by fire in the District in February amounted to \$19,237. The report was forwarded to the District Commissioners yesterday afternoon.

During the month, the report says, "there were eighty-seven fires, of which forty-one were in brick buildings, twenty-seven in frame, and two in stone houses. The estimated loss is covered by an insurance of \$26,750."

CRUISERS TO URGE CLAIM.

War Ships Sent to Nicaragua Will Press Emery Case.

The State Department has taken advantage of the present unrest in Central America as a pretext for sending two armored cruisers, the Colorado and the South Dakota, of the Pacific fleet, to Corinto, presumably for the purpose of obtaining information as to the real political situation.

Incidentally, the visit is also for the purpose of impressing upon the government of Nicaragua the necessity for a prompt settlement of the Emery claim, which has been pending for some time.

Mr. Emery, who died in Boston several weeks ago, was granted a concession for the development of a large area of country in Nicaragua, but his concession was canceled after he had spent a large sum in exploiting it. Several months ago Elihu Root, then Secretary of State, notified Nicaragua that the United States would expect a prompt settlement of the claim.

The case has been delayed by the recall of Senator Don Luis F. Corea, former Nicaraguan Minister here, who was succeeded by Senator Dr. Don Rodolfo Esplina.

READY TO QUALIFY FOR JOB

George Henry Payne Carries Weight, but It's in form of a Cane.

Editor of Bronx Republican Gives Senator Depew a Shock. Now to See Taft.

Between Greek expressions, chats of the theatrical world, newspaper business in general, and many other foolish and unnecessary points, George Henry Payne, one of New York's best-known newspaper men, marched up to Senator Depew yesterday afternoon at the Willard.

"It is possible," began Mr. Payne, who is representing Charles Frohman, "that you do not know that I am the owner and editor of the Bronx Republican."

"It's possible, but doubtful," began the New York Senator.

"But I am all this, and I am a member in good standing of the Frasers," insisted Mr. Payne.

"It so happens that I managed to glean a bit of the Greek language during my newspaper days. I also happen to be a press agent, but I have hopes, great hopes, it is possible. Yes, I would like to be the United States Minister to Greece. I am armed with all the letters you can think about. I have all the New York delegation with me. True, I am not a politician, but I have a hankering to go to Greece as the United States Minister."

"That is all very nice," said Senator Depew.

"Now I know that a United States Minister to Greece must carry a certain amount of real goods," explained Mr. Payne.

"Meaning knowledge and dignity," said Senator Depew.

"All that," went on Mr. Payne, as he played with his cane.

"You know we must have a heavy man for Greece," suggested the New York Senator.

"Yes, very heavy. I only weigh some 150 pounds, but I carry weight," interrupted Mr. Payne.

"Meaning," asked Senator Depew.

"Why, Senator, just to show you how much weight I carry," said Mr. Payne. "Just hold my cane for a moment."

Mr. Payne extended an innocent enough looking walking stick. Senator Depew put forth his good right hand, which the next second sank until the cane hit the floor.

It is within reason to explain that Mr. Payne carries a cane that weighs more than twenty-five pounds, loaded with lead and steel. He has won many a laugh by asking some one to hold the innocent appearing stick for a moment.

"I cannot promise, I do not know," said Senator Depew. "But if you can carry as much weight in the supporting line to President Taft as you carry in this cane I promise that you will be the next Minister to Greece."

PHYSIC TEACHERS MEET.

Instructive Address Given at G. W. U. by Prof. Mann.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Physics Teachers' Association, of Washington, in George Washington University last night, twenty-five members present listened to an interesting and instructive address by Prof. C. Riborg Mann, of the University of Chicago, on the "Physics teachers' problem."

He declared the most important problem of the teacher of physics was to select such experiments as hold the intense interest of the student, and cited the recent phenomenon of a disabled vessel sending noises and invisible, but certain and definite, signals for help, as an illustration of how a keen interest in science may be aroused in the most unscientific person.

STEVENS WAS CONSIDERED.

Leads Out He Was Mentioned as Secretary of the Treasury.

It leaked out yesterday that Representative Frederick O. Stevens, of Minnesota, who lives in St. Paul, was under consideration by President Taft a couple of weeks ago for the office of Secretary of the Treasury.

Before reaching a decision, Mr. Taft considered President Roosevelt and Senators Aldrich, Hale, Knox, and Crane, and made inquiries of prominent business men in the Northwestern States.

Complimentary things were said about Mr. Stevens, but it was decided that an older and more experienced man should get the Treasury portfolio.

PARK VEHICLES RESTRICTED.

Heavy Wagons and Big Automobiles Barred from Rock Creek.

Resulting from numerous complaints received from officials of Rock Creek Park, no cumbersome wagons will be permitted to enter the park in the future. Automobiles seating more than eight persons and heavy wagons will also be kept off the roadways of the park.

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OLIVER TO GET TOGA

Pennsylvania Caucus Names
Successor to Knox.

WILL BE ELECTED WEDNESDAY

Both Houses at Harrisburg Will Ballot on Tuesday and Joint Session Will Be Held Following Day. Successful Candidate a Steel Manufacturer and Owner of Papers.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 9.—George T. Oliver, of Pittsburgh, was today named as the Republican candidate for United States Senator to succeed Philander C. Knox, by the joint caucus of the senate and house.

Two hundred and four of the 212 Republicans in the general assembly attended the caucus.

The vote: George T. Oliver, 20; James S. Scarle, Danville, 3; Henry C. Niles, York, 1. The nomination was made unanimous.

Both houses will ballot on the Senatorship next Tuesday, March 16, and on the following day Mr. Oliver will be elected, when the two houses get together.

George T. Oliver was born in Ireland January 26, 1848, while his parents were on a visit. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, and for several years practiced his profession, devoting most of his life, however, to manufacturing, at which he amassed a large enough fortune to place him in the multi-millionaire class.

Never Held Office.

While he has never held a political office, Mr. Oliver has been prominently identified with political affairs in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County all his life, and has several times been a delegate to national conventions. He is an organization man and a close friend of Secretary Knox and Senator Penrose. He was for Mr. Knox in his campaign for the Presidential nomination last year, but when Taft was nominated in Chicago he supported him loyally.

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Will Be a Conservative.

In the Senate Mr. Oliver is expected to be a conservative. He is a fluent speaker, and is rated as a man of excellent political judgment. The new Pennsylvania Senator was in Washington last week. He was the first man to congratulate Secretary Knox after he had taken the oath of office as Secretary of State. Saturday night he attended the dinner given for "Greece," a committee of Philadelphia. Like Taft, he is a Yale man.

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LECTURE ON SLAVERY DAYS.

Lieut. Gov. Manship, of Mississippi, Delights Large Audience.

Luther Manship, lieutenant governor of Mississippi, delighted a large audience of Epworth League members at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church last evening with his lecture, "Lights and shades of slavery days."

For more than an hour the Mississippi lecturer related stories of humor and pathos to show the quaint customs of the people of the Southland in the ante-bellum days. Senator Money, of Mississippi, introduced the lieutenant governor with a brief address, and he in turn was followed by Luther L. Derrick, former president of the District Epworth League.

Especially well received were Mr. Manship's stories of the negro and the part played by that race in the war. Applause also greeted his selections descriptive of the baneful nature of certain classes in the thinly populated regions west of the Mississippi River.

Two Columbian Heights Citizens' Association has asked that an assembly hall be located in the proposed four-story addition to the Monroe School building. In reply, the Commissioners state that the appropriation is not sufficient to include this auditorium.

Charles H. Mayhew, engaged in the restaurant and saloon business, at 218 Sixth street, has been named as a relay bankruptcy petitioner in the District Supreme Court. He places his assets at \$2,000, and his liabilities at \$3,000. Attorney H. H. Hallam represents the petitioner.

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